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A mock trial was presented by members of the New Bedford Bar Association at the annual Guest Night meeting of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club held last Tuesday evening in the Congregational Church parish hall.

Mrs. Walter Clark introduced Attorney Paul J. MacCawley who explained that the procedure of the trial was authentic. James M. Sylvia acted as plaintiff and Temple Corson as defendant in an auto accident case. Attorney Edward J. Harrington, Jr. acted as judge. Morton Black acted as attorney for the plaintiff, Attorney MacCawley as attorney for the defendant and Linwood Lewis, the clerk of court. A jury was selected from the audience.

Mrs. Ross B. Hopkins, president, welcomed the members and their guests. Following the program refreshments of salad rolls, assorted squares and coffee were served by a committee from the executive board. The table was attractively arranged with a Thanksgiving motif of cornucopias overflowing with fruit.

ILLUSTRATED TALK ON MADONNAS

The Christmas program of the Women's Community Guild of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church will be an illustrated talk on "Great Madonnas of the World" given by Mrs. Ralph George of Lynn, Mass. The meeting on Tuesday, December 6th, at 3 P.M. in the parish hall will be preceded by a Christmas tea with Mrs. Ira Hiller as hostess. All women of the community are welcome.

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Last year Captain Kobak led the "Sharp Shooters" to a decisive victory over the "Slow Trotters"; however, Captain Bob Mathieson of the Trotters predicts a victory for his club this year.

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COUPLES BOWLING LEAGUE

The Weasels had a losing night. The Beetles in second place also lost and the Weasels continue to lead by 4 games in the Mattapoisett Couples Bowling League. Hazel Sylvia

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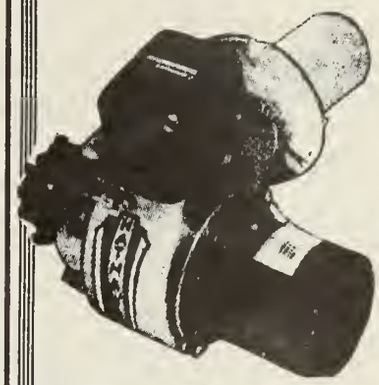

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The Stillwater Mills, and all that remains today is a foundation overgrown with shrubbery, was located in the northeast section of Rochester. The name of the mill derived its name from the fact that the water ran so slowly it was noiseless.

The Old Middleborough Historical Association has in its possession the earliest written reference to this ironworks. The valuable paper is signed by Town Clerk Ebenezer Sproutt who served in Middleboro in that capacity from 1748 to 1755.

The paper contains the following information: "July 21st, 1748: Captain Nathaniel Southworth was chosen moderator of said meeting-and then the Town (Middleborough) by vote chose Captain N. Southworth, Captain Ebenezer Morton, John Miller, Mrs. Hon Bennet and Jacob Tomson a committee to view the iron oar in Assawampset Pond near Robert Richmond and to

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had the high triple of 390 and high single of 156 for the women. Ernie Dorr led the men with a high triple of 393 and high single of 148. Bowling as a substitute Manny Costa had the high single of 155. Ken Stickney bowled 126 in each of the 3 strings bowled.

TURKEY WINNERS

Mrs. Betty Kelly, manager of NuWay Cleaners, has announced the winners of the two turkeys which were given away by the company prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. The winners were Ralph Moore of Depot Street and Bronc Allen of County Road, both of Mattapoisett.

CHRISTMAS SALE

The Women's Guild of the Rochester First Congregational Church will hold its annual Christmas sale beginning at 3 P.M. on this Thursday, December 1st, in the vestry. General chairman of the sale and in charge of decorations is Mrs. William Warburton.

The sale will feature a Children's Corner where lovely handknits and other children's wear will be offered for sale by Mrs. Arthur Seabury and Mrs. L. Rodman Doane. The apron table, displaying a variety of styles and sizes in aprons, will be presided over by Mrs. Daniel Hartley and Mrs. Nathan Law-

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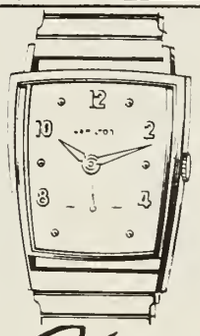

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By 1778 the ironworks was a thriving business that under the joint ownership of influential men of that time the businesses of Stillwater Mills included a smelting furnace, sawmill, gristmill and a shingle mill.

One of the owners of the Stillwater Mills at that time was numbered Hopestill Bisbee and Joseph Pierce, both of Rochester. Descendants of Hopestill Bisbee still own the property with a part of it owned by the city of New Bedford now.

Very few of the descendants of original families of Rochester retain the land purchased from the Indians living in Plymouth County. The land which included Stillwater Mills and Bisbee property was purchased from the Wampatuck Indians.

Indian history shows that Wampatuck was an Indian chief and in 1661 sold some of his lands to the English colonists under the jurisdiction of the court in Plymouth. The white men wished to do everything legally and live in peace with the red men and saw to it that the Indians received money for their land grants.

The land at Bisbee corner has been passed down through each generation of the family

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rence. A table of gifts and novelties will be in the charge of Mrs. George Church assisted by Mrs. Herbert Hartley. The white elephant table will be tended by Wayne Lawrence and Phyllis Hartley. Mrs. Donald Jenkins will sell homemade candies as well as a variety of other sweets. The plant table will be tended by Mrs. Wesley Davoll. A variety of homemade pies, cakes, cookies and other delicious foods from the kitchens of local homemakers will be offered for sale on the food table which will be presided over be Mrs. James Hartley and Mrs. Henry Hartley. Grabs for the children will be available from Miss Leona Fearing. The Pilgrim Fellowship will show samples and take orders for all types of Christmas wreaths and arrangements.

A pot roast supper will be served from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M. by Mrs. Kenneth Winslow who will be assisted by Mrs. Everett Hardy, Mrs. Calvin Daggett, Mrs. Greenwood Hartley and Mrs. Gustave Johnson. The dining room will be supervised by Mrs. William Watling. Ticket reservations may be made with Mrs. L. Rodman Doane, president of the Guild, or purchased at the door from Mrs. Ethel Gary.

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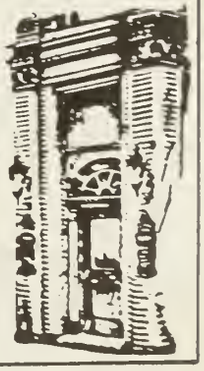

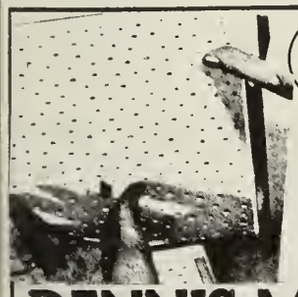

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and it is believed that it is one of the very few families that still has the land purchased by their descendants from the Wampatuck Indians.

The Stillwater Mills located in the northeast section of Rochester was on the site of Black Brook which has its beginnings in springs in the Rock section of Middleboro. The springs flow down through and into the ponds forming natural reservoir whose waters are used by New Bedford for its water supply.

During the early 19th century Stillwater Mills furnished employment for about 40 men. These men were employed in the manufacture of hollow ware which was obtained from the iron ore in the nearby ponds. The ore was taken from the ponds by tongs and sold to the owners of Stillwater Mills. During this period the business was carried on under the leadership of Captain Zenas Wood.

The first agreement in regards to Stillwater Mills is a long and complicated document written in the wording of that period. The sum and substance of this paper which numbers among the papers in possession of Old Middleborough Historical Association is that a group of men agreed to build a furnace over the dam at Black Brook for the making and casting of hollow ware and cast iron. The gates were not to be shut down until September 12 of each year and to be hoisted up April 12 of each year and continue open until September 12. The legal agreement states that: "if a full supply of water be want-

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Women members of North Rochester Congregational Church, North Avenue met last month with Mrs. Robert P. Felton and plans were made to organize a Woman's Group. The members will meet once a month and the second meeting will be at 7:30 P.M. this Thursday, December 1st, at the home of Mrs. Abraham Jackson of Quaker Lane.

A food sale was held November 19th at the Free Public Library at the Town Hall. Proceeds to be used to purchase hymnals for the North Rochester Congregational Church.

Present were Mrs. Herbert A. Wilbur, Mrs. Roger Wood, Mrs. Arthur A. Reed, Mrs. Floyd H. Taylor, Mrs. Albert E. Hellyer, Mrs. Abraham Jackson, Mrs. Albert E. Reed, Jr, Mrs. Antone Cabral and Mrs. Richard D. Turner. Mrs. Felton served refreshments at the conclusion of the meeting.

ITEM- The Shah of Iran was so delighted with the birth of a son and heir that he declared a two-day national holiday and a 20% cut in income taxes.

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ing and there shall not be three feet and eight inches of water in the sawmill flume as the said flume now lies at the head thereof next the gate that we will at the motion and desire of the founder or chief workman in said furnace immediately shut down our gates or cause them to be shut down, otherwise pay and allow triple the damage that shall accrue to the owners of said furnace."

After the leadership of Zenas Wood, history shows it was operated by a Mr. Leach and Mr. Hooper quite successfully for a number of years. These two gentlemen built and stocked a store for the use by their employees. Finally after a period the supply of ore seemed to be exhausted and the furnace was demolished in 1818.

Each of the stockholders had his turn at Stillwater Mills. After the city of New Bedford appropriated the water of Great Quittacas for their water supply and took control of the water shed surrounding it, the buildings were razed. They were considered detrimental to the purity of the water. All remains now is the site of a once flourishing ironworks.

The Old Middleborough Historical Association has in its possession a number of hand-forged pieces, all made from iron ore at Stillwater Mills over 177 years ago.

Among the articles in the association's possession are a meat chopper with a beautiful wooden handle, a pair of shears, circa 1750, beautifully tempered, and a set of iron scales composed of a bar and a slicing weight. Included in the collection at the Middleborough museum is a wooden pattern for a flat iron which was used at Stillwater Mills.

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CEMETERY ASSOCIATION MEETING

It was voted to have forms printed to be used by the North Rochester Cemetery Association, Inc. to record genealogy of persons laid to rest in the cemetery.

In other business it was voted to prorate the lots at a given amount on a square foot basis. Members voted to review and revise by-laws and constitution, with the executive committee doing this and reporting at the next meeting.

Plans were made to clean the cemetery and restore its beauty from damage caused by vandalism.

Another project the committee is working on is to blueprint the entire cemetery system and therefore trace persons who are buried there but whose plot at present is unknown. By this method relatives will be able to know what section of the cemetery their loved ones are interred.

The resignation of Lloyd Gerrish as president was accepted and Harry Perkins, Jr. of Fairhaven was elected president.

Present at the meeting held at the home of Mrs. Fredrick Underhill of Bisbee Corner were Mrs. Elizabeth Bixler, Harry Perkins, Sr. and Harry Perkins, Jr., all of Fairhaven; George

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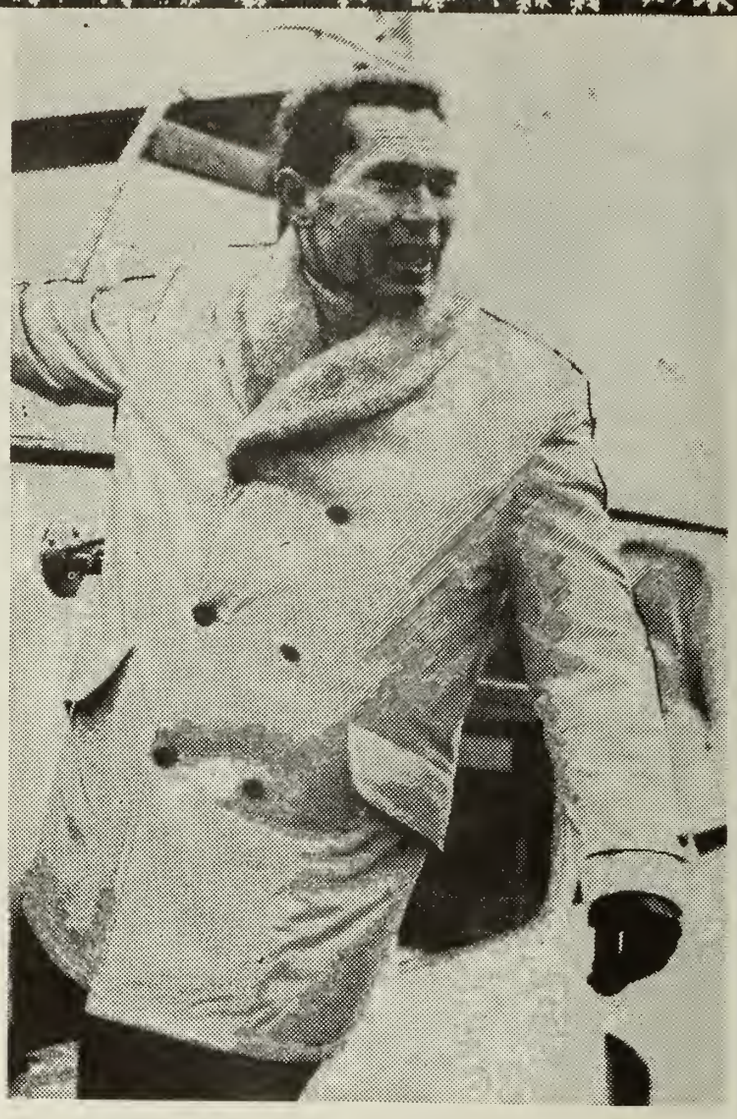

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